

STF/STIF

September 18, 2019

3:00PM

- Call STF meeting to order
- Excused were Pete Runnels and Linda Kaesemeyer. Present were Kathie Oatman, John Barrett, Darlene Wingfield, Darlene Needham, Jane Parks, Angela Lamborn and Lisa Moody.
- February minutes were reviewed and Jane motioned to approve, Darlene W. 2nd with all in favor.
- Angie introduced Lisa Moody as new employee for transit provider Dial-A-Ride. She is training to eventually be the administrator of the transportation program. Part of that training should and will entail learning about the STF and STIF funding streams and the projects they generate. As the provider we are looking for a seat for her at the table. Kathie moved to nominate Lisa for a seat on the STF_STIF committee and Jane 2nd that nomination. All were in favor.
- Part of the handouts were the transportation numbers for the months of March through August. Angie explained that the DAR numbers were remaining pretty steady but that the deviated fixed route were the numbers of note. Just over a year ago we were lucky to have 45 riders in the month. Now we were up over 800. They could review and see the steady increase. In the old days we were excited if we reached 200 completed rides. There was committee discussion about the positive addition the route bus makes to the community and the new folks it allows to get around. The ones who don't have the \$1 for a trip. Committee asked if seniors and disabled were riding route as well and they are. Also seats are open on DAR that may have not been available before at last minute for that demographic.
- Angie told committee that legislature took \$10mil from STIF to make STF whole and that the funding did come through. However they also directed ODOT to develop a plan to merge STF and STIF into one funding stream as

they do not want to manage two. Angie is on the CAC committee to come up with a recommendation. She represents Eastern Oregon and Rural and Frontier providers. The committee has only September and October to get a plan developed for the legislative season beginning in November.

- The committee chose to skip the bus tour as it was cold and stormy. We discussed the upgrades of 4wheel drive, the unexpected need for an extra step, upgraded suspension, change in placement of wheel chair passengers, the reclining seats with high backs and extra padding. All of this added comfort for longer trips and are designed to ease the discomfort reported by some seniors and people with physical disabilities who had been required to engage in the longer journeys.
- There being no further STF business or round table discussion we adjourned the STF meeting at 3:29.
- STIF meeting was opened at 3:30
- Angie presented the spread sheets that she developed to track the STIF projects that were approved for the 2019-2021 years.
- Angie presented the first SPR report to show the committee the in-depth reporting required to track the projects for STIF.
- Angie talked about grades 9-12 being a focus of STIF funding and that it was an age group we had not previously tracked. Dar had been working with our software company to develop information tracking that allows us to track the rides for that group. At this time we cannot track the grade so we are tracking the ages of the kids who should be in the grade levels discussed. Kathie asked about life skills kids and if they are eligible for the free rides that is one of the projects. They are engaged in education until they are 21. Angie asked if they are considered 9-12graders and Kathie did not know. Lisa suggested a person Kathie might contact who might have some idea as to the answer to that question. Dar told Kathie that when the life skills kids ride their trips are being paid by the school with grant monies the schools have for that specific population of student. Kathie stated she might follow up.

- Angie reported that intercity trip STIF funds were awarded for trips to Bend. Lisa has been assigned the project of planning a deviated fixed route to Bend and back and Redmond and back each week. Planning for stops at each community on the way and on the way back. With enough time to hit the most utilized stops and reasonable deviations around town. The project will be ongoing and is due to start the first of 2020. Lisa will use ODOT staff and providers in the Bend and Redmond areas. Kathie asked if we were going to go to Dr. Offices other than by the hospital. We stated we will look at what is used and of course there is the deviation option. We don't have details at the moment as planning has not started yet.
- Lisa gave brochures to John and Jane for their organizations. Angie told everyone the brochures would change a bit after she and Pedro marked for bus stops and got the stop signs placed as there was some changes planned.
- There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:00

Respectfully submitted

Angela Lamborn